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For: MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR	:	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waives the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. patent application publication.

A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 05703447.2 is attached hereto.

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German Patent No. DE 72 13 391 U appears to disclose an intermediate shaft for a spur gear having a fastening part for a rotationally secured connection. The attached European Search Report issued in the counterpart European application of the present application indicates Figure 1 of this reference is relevant to claims 1-4 of the counterpart European application under the category "A" (technological background).

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 1 575 513 appears to disclose a bearing assembly for a rotary machine element mounted on a removable pin shaft. The attached European Search Report issued in the counterpart European application of the present application indicates Figures 3 and 4 of this reference are relevant to claims 1-4 of the counterpart European application under the category "A" (technological background). Great Britain Patent Application Publication No. 1 131 377 is believed to be an English language counterpart of the German Patent Application Publication No. DE 1 575 513, and is cited in lieu of a translation because the Great Britain counterpart is believed to overlap sufficiently to understand the relevance of the German Patent Application Publication No. DE 1 575 513.

International Application Publication No. WO 93/16302 appears to disclose a bonded join, in particular a joint rotationally securing two toothed wheels to a shaft. The attached European Search Report issued in the counterpart European application of the present application indicates Figures 1-3 of this reference are relevant to claims 1-4 of the counterpart European application under the category "A" (technological background).

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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